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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Alain RIONDEL et al.

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For: PROCESS AND MANUFACTURE OF AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF
UNSATURATED QUATERNARY AMMONIUM SALTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

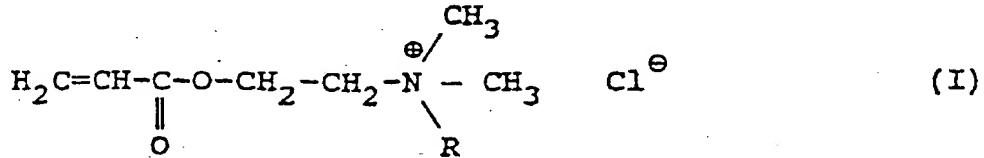
Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for the manufacture of aqueous solutions of unsaturated quaternary ammonium salts corresponding to the following formula (I):



in which R represents a methyl or benzyl radical, by reaction, in the presence of water, of N,N-dimethyl-aminoethyl acrylate (DAMEA) with a quaternizing agent of formula (II):

